

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A complementary bipolar semiconductor (CBI) device, hereinafter referred to as a CBI semiconductor device,

- comprising a substrate of a first conductivity type and a number of active regions which are provided thereon and which are delimited in ~~the~~ a lateral direction by shallow field insulation regions,

- in which vertical npn-bipolar transistors with an epitaxial base are arranged in a first subnumber of ~~the~~ an active bipolar transistor regions and vertical pnp-bipolar transistors with an epitaxial base are arranged in a second subnumber of the active bipolar transistor regions,

- wherein either one transistor type or both transistor types have both a collector region and also a collector contact region in one and the same respective active bipolar transistor region,

characterized in that in a first transistor type in which the conductivity type of the substrate is identical to that of the collector region an insulation doping region is provided between the collector region and the substrate, the insulation doping region being adapted to provide electrical insulation of a collector and the substrate,

wherein in ~~the~~ a region of an interface between the collector region and the insulation doping region there is a p-n junction which is arranged no deeper at ~~the~~ an edge defined by the field insulation region of the active bipolar transistor region in question, alternatively in the whole of the respective active bipolar transistor region, than the lower edge of the shallow field insulation regions, and

the collector region either of the first transistor type or both transistor types is delimited laterally by the shallow field insulation regions.

2. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which a dopant concentration of the insulation doping in a space charge region near the collector is less than $1 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

3. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which the dopant concentration of the insulation doping in the space charge region near the collector is at a maximum $1 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

4. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which the dopant concentration of the insulation doping in the space charge region near the collector is less than $1 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

5. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which in the first transistor type in a laterally adjacent active region there are provided a well of a second conductivity type opposite to the first conductivity type and a contact region associated therewith of the second conductivity type.

6. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which a dopant dose of the well (4) is between $5 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and $5 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$.

7. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which the dopant dose of the well is restrictedly between $1 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and $2 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$.

8. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 5 in which the well is a well produced in an MOS process of the second conductivity type.

9. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which the dopant concentration of the contact region is between $1 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $1 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

10. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 5 in which the well and the substrate contact region laterally surround the insulation doping region at two, alternatively three, alternatively four sides.

11. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which a maximum dopant concentration in the collector contact region of the first transistor type or a second transistor type is between $1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $5 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

12. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which the first transistor type or the second transistor type or both transistor types have an inner base region, below which is arranged a second collector region of either the same or approximately the same lateral extent as the inner base region, which second collector region with the same conductivity type is more highly doped than at least one portion, adjoining the second collector region, of the collector region.

13. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which the epitaxial base includes a base layer stack with a plurality of layers which are monocrystalline in the inner base region and polycrystalline in portions which in a lateral direction are outside the inner base region and are referred to hereinafter as a base contact region.

14. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 13 in which the base layer stack contains a base layer which is made either from silicon or from silicon-germanium and which is of a thickness of between 1 and 100 nm, in particular between 1 and 35 nm.

15. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 13 in which the base layer stack includes a cover layer adjoining the base layer at an emitter side.

16. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 13 in which one or more of the layers of the base layer stack are doped with carbon.

17. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which an emitter either of the first transistor type or the second transistor type or both transistor types is of a T-shaped configuration.

18. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 14 in which a substrate-side portion of the base contact region, which portion is provided in the base layer stack of the first transistor type, is made from the same, simultaneously deposited polycrystalline semiconductor material as a base-side outer portion of a transverse bar of the T-shape of the emitter in the second transistor type.

19. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 14 in which an emitter-side vertical layer portion of the base contact region, which layer portion is provided in the base layer stack of the first transistor type, is made from the same simultaneously deposited polycrystalline semiconductor material as a contact-side vertical layer portion of the transverse bar of the T-shape of the emitter in the second transistor type.

20. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 13 in which

- in the first transistor type a polycrystalline base contact region in the base layer stack has an interface which extends in parallel relationship with a substrate surface and along which grain boundaries of here mutually adjoining base-side and emitter-side, polycrystalline, vertical layer portions are oriented, and

- in the second transistor type the emitter has an interface which extends parallel to the substrate surface and along which grain boundaries of here mutually adjoining base-side and contact-side, polycrystalline, vertical layer portions are oriented.

21. (previously presented) A CBI semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which the shallow field insulation regions are in the form of shallow trenches.

22. (previously presented) A CBiMOS or CBiCMOS semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 with additionally at least one MOS semiconductor component or with complementary MOS semiconductor components.

23. (previously presented) A CBI or CBiMOS or CBiCMOS semiconductor device as set forth in claim 1 in which the substrate is p-conducting and the first transistor type is a pnp-transistor and a second transistor type is an npn-transistor.

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